2922. Cryptomeria Japonica.

Cryptomeria.

From Japan. Received through Prof. S. A. Knapp, March, 1899.

"One of the most beautiful and useful evergreens in Japan. It grows to an enormous size. At Nikko trees of this species 7 feet in diameter, and one 300 feet in height, may be seen. In Japan it is extensively planted to reforest the mountains. It is also grown as an ornamental tree. By severe pruning when young it will thrive as a hedge. The wood is about as hard as white pine, but when cut into lumber and polished is beautiful, and is used for finishing the interior of dwellings and public buildings. It is hardy under considerable frost." (*Knapp.*) "It is hardy as far north as New York and thrives in sheltered positions, even in

New England." (Rehders.)

2923. Lespedeza bicolor.

Hagi.

From Japan. Received through Prof. S. A. Knapp, March, 1899.

"This plant was seen by an agent of the Agricultural Department in the experiment grounds of the Imperial Agricultural College at Tokyo, Japan, where it had been under test for three years, with the most excellent results. It is similar to alfalfa in character and nutritive value, but is more hardy, thrives on poorer soil, and has a more vigorous growth. It should be cut from three to five times a year. If allowed to stand too long it takes on a rank growth (5 to 6 feet high) and becomes woody. Soil, sandy loam." (Knapp.)

2924. Coffea arabica.

Coffee.

From Trinidad, British West Indies. Received through Messrs, Lathrop and Fairchild, 1899.

2925. Passiflora.

Passion fruit.

From Caracas, Venezuela. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 116), 1899.

"Passion fruits from the market at Caracas. A purple variety with delicious grapeflavored pulp. Species unknown." (D. G. Fairchild.)

2926. Capsicum annuum.

Pepper.

From Panama, Colombia. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 100), 1899.

"Native varieties of Chile peppers from the market. Said to be the hottest known in Panama.'' (D. G. Fairchild.)

2927. Coffea arabica.

Coffee.

From Caracas, Venezuela. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 94), 1899.

"A variety of giant coffee. Seed all from a single tree." (D. G. Fairchild.)

2928. Eugenia.

Panama cherry.

From Panama, Colombia. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 106), 1899.

"The so-called 'Cherry' of Panama. Possibly a Eugenia. Very sour. Used for preserves and planted by Europeanized Columbians. A small tree, 10 feet high; foliage like that of mandarin orange, but much smaller." (D. G. Fairchild.)

2929. Fragaria Vesca.

Strawberry.

From Caracas, Venezuela. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 93), 1899.

"The native wild strawberry, bought in the market of Caracas. Highly prized by the Europeans living in Caracas, and of very good flavor. Dr. A. Ernst informs me that they are descendants of strawberries originally introduced by the Spaniards, although now growing wild. From the Tierra frio or high (3,000 feet and over) altitudes." (D. G. Fairchild.)